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JIM TO ALEX.

To Hon. Alex. Watkins Terrell.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Austin, Texas.—Dear Alex: Now you haveayed—well language fails me, and I can only pound my head with the royal scepter and moan! I was afraid you'd do it—and you have. "Somebody has blundered," have they? Well, I should rejoice. Somebody has, and that somebody is a rhetorical fencing major from Travis county, who was his political ambition on his sleeve and his voice cut low in the hus. My whole campaign thus far has been a series of successful blunders. By Gattina, it doth make me mad! 'Twas not enough that Tebbey Finley should shoot his venom in the public eye and carry it to me; that Tom Brown should parade me as an intellectual mischievous in search of sympathy; but that must back the subsequent end of a mouse-colored mule up to me and bid him kick my surcingle to frazzles! Et tu Brutus! d—n the brute!

ALEX TO JIM.

Gov. James Stephen Hogg, Austin, Texas.

AUSTIN, TEXAS.—Imperial Master. At thy royal foot I bow and humbly crave thy pardon. I did it take my cue from thy speeches to years ago. Bluff and bluster, intimation and rank abuse did it, and make of thee a Caesar. But the fickle people change, and now I find that the Now and the Enwhile trot not in the same class. Who would have thought that one poor little shovel of mud, spattered upon the official robes of Robert Ross, would raise such a heavenly row! How was I to know, good master, that the plebian multitude had got into the vicious habit of linking? Time was, oh Caesar, when I could go forth astride of a faithful mule, paw the stars and with my right forefinger, blow a few verses and be voted "the blaniest man in Texas." Now, great Caesar, the times are out of joint, and even the rabble demandsense as well as sound. The lawn of the wayside cabin actually presumes to think; rhetoric is a discount; innuendo doth no longer go, and woe is me! Thyervants occupation hath gone a smothering.

ALEX.

[Texas Iconoclast.]

A Word for Texas.

Eley Perkins, the great humorist, can also furnish his readers with good, wholesome, new when he so desires, and he took occasion to do this a short time ago and wrote the following splendid description of the new newspaper syndicate—a good article in every respect true. Hear:

There was once a republic as free as France is to-day. He had ministers, consuls at his own flag. When this free public with five millions the wealthy Canada the arms one United

States. Now she has ten thousand miles of railroad. She raised last year two million bales of cotton and millions of bushels of wheat. Vanderbilt's Big 4 is loaded with her timber at Cairo, and the Missouri Pacific cannot furnish engines enough to draw out her pine, black walnut and poplar to St. Louis. Her New Birmingham and Rusak are shipping pig iron to St. Louis and she has the biggest school fund of any country on earth. Many counties have from \$40,000 to \$80,000 at interest waiting for the children to be born to spend on education. One Normal college at Huntsville has 400 teachers, where, in a magnificent temple they are almost freely educated by the state. Her coal fields are inexhaustible. Her Pan-handle country once supposed to be a desert is a garden of Eden loaded with hard Eife wheat. She has a sugar country from Louisiana through Corpus Christi to Brownsville on the Rio Grande large enough to make the sugar for our entire nation. She has three million people now and will have ten million at the next census for her whole western order is turning out to be a vineyard. The very best part of the great state is as yet unknown. From Corpus Christi west the railroad has just reached a black alluvial country which rises thirty feet above the Gulf of Mexico. It is twenty feet deep, and will grow prodigious crops cotton, corn, sugar, and castor beans. The climate there is tropical. Tomatoes, cotton and castor beans grow two years. This country is now open to settlement. Even coffee raised in Mexico can be raised here. "Texas does everything in a kingly manner. The city of Austin is building the biggest dam in America. It will dam the Colorado river with a rock dam and make a water power second to Niagara Falls. This dam will supply electricity for lighting the city and running her cars, it will entice an hundred cotton, woolen and silk factories and make Texas a manufacturing state and Austin a manufacturing center."

The man who complains about the scarcity of money, and who seeks to perpetuate political conditions in this state that will make it scarcer, needs a primary lesson in the science of putting two and two together. The rich men of Texas can stand an agitation the effect of which is to keep capital out of the state, because it adds to the interest value of their own money, but it operates hardly on the man who has interest to pay.—Fort Worth Gazette.

A lecturer on farming topics says: "Some farmers are want to think that what they call sentiment belongs to literary people alone, people who wear long hair and use a good deal of hair oil. But if you can put right sentiment into a farmer's life and make him feel proud of his business, he will do that business the better for it and such sentiment to him will prove a paying acquisition."

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